

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 14, 1970

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P.O.Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

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I am sure that you will not run anything with respect to this article until the Numismatist is distributed and until you comply with any credit to the Numismatist or timing arrangements which will satisfy Ed.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 3, 1970

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P.O.Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

They left out the comic jingle at the end of the 1804 commentary. It broke my heart. You are free to publish it, nevertheless, if you think it is funny. It is the last line of the text I sent you.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

3/11/70

Dear Eric:

I have seen an 1895 silver dollar which does not appear altered, nor yet an original Proof. My equipment is limited.

Would you be willing to examine it and make further suggestions if you cannot make a positive diagnosis?

Regards,

Jim Johnson

JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

4/6/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to George Brown, and for looking at the coin. I take it that the evidence is all negative, as far as a 40X magnifier can show, i.e. it showed no positive evidence of fakery.

No the deduction, which so much of this sort of thing has to be, hinges on a lack of knowledge that any business strikes were ever released. We are agreed that the piece is not an impaired proof.

In short, your examination agrees with mine but I don't know enough to be positive that no business strikes ever got out of the Mint. And I was counting on you for that angle. You have solved that problem.

One of the things I did was to check over a batch of 1895-O and 1895-S dollars to see if what appears to be a die crack closing the loop of the 5 on Brown's piece appeared on either of the branch Mint dies. It didn't help because it appeared on both, and a couple of 1885 coins, also! Weak spot on the dies that cracked easily apparently. But my idea was OK, just didn't work.

Thanks again for your help.

*Jim J.*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 23, 1970

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P.O.Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

You asked our opinion concerning a dollar dated 1804 which we are advised is to be offered for sale in Canada. You sent to us photographs marked "Goldsmith" and we will refer to the dollar by that name.

The Goldsmith Dollar is readily distinguishable from the Class I, Class II or Class III 1804 Dollars. It has no edge rim and the left tip of the hair curl at the top of the bust is complete instead of being broken off. The upper right star is far away from Y in LIBERTY in the Goldsmith piece rather than under the right side of Y as in the known 1804 pieces.

The question therefore is whether the Goldsmith Dollar dated 1804 is a new variety or 1804 dollar.

On a careful examination of the Goldsmith piece, it is our opinion that it is an altered date. The dollar from which it is made is an 1802 over 1801 variety Bolender 9. The obverse die is readily recognizable because it has a small raised lump under the right side of the B in LIBERTY and the reverse has the spur on the right side of the D in UNITED. While the reverse might have been reused on an 1804 coin as well as an 1802 coin, the 1802 obverse die could not. It also appears that some of the points of the five upper stars on the right side of the obverse have been shaved in order to be aimed more like those of the Class I 1804 dollars.

There are many tiny holes in the field and having examined only the photographs, we would reserve comments on those holes until the coin itself might be examined.

The quality of workmanship used in making this alteration is excellent and compares favorably with the Zerbe 1804 Dollar alteration.



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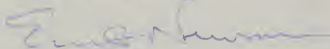
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Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World

December 23, 1970

We hope that we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,



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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 26, 1971

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P.O.Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

I thought you would like to know that in the April 7 (p.63) and the April 14, 1971 (p.62) of Coin World is an advertisement offering "the Confederate Cent 2nd Restrike from the original Robert Lovett Dies". This is in large letters.

These were not struck from original dies but from transfer dies, as stated in the text of the advertisement.

How does this strike your advertising policy?

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 14, 1971

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Margo:

I do not know if you are aware that a gem proof 1853 U.S. Assay \$20 piece is offered for sale in advertisements by Precious Metals, in Coin World, for the sum of \$3,000. (5/19/71 p. 18, 6/2/71 p. 18, and 6/16/71, p.32).

Would you send for this coin so that it could be examined. It may be from the same family as the Garland piece.

We would appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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CC: Mr. Paul Garland

**Coin World**  
THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING PH: 513 492-4141 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

June 24, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

Coin World customer checking service is so constructed that we must have a formal complaint in writing before we can utilize these channels for the coin check.

If you find you have sufficient evidence to file such a complaint with us, we will set the machinery in motion, believe me.

I have been meaning to drop you a note to ask, if the opportunity presents itself, that you extend the numismatic hand of friendship to Dr. Malcolm C. Thompson, who has just moved to your fair city, as pastor of the Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut Street. He is a very fine numismatist and while he will be busy adjusting to his new pastoral duties, we know he will be finding some time to continue his numismatic studies.

We will be most interested to learn more about the gem proof 1853 U.S. Assay \$20 piece!

All the best,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 30, 1971

Mrs. Marion Russell, Editor  
Coin World  
Sidney News Building  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

You have for many weeks been publishing an advertisement of Precious Metals, Inc., Hollywood, California, including an 1853 U.S. Assay Office 900 fine \$20 gold Gem Proof for \$3,000.00. There is no such condition listed in the Red Book. The decision in the Garland vs. Ryan arbitration under P.N.G. auspices and the litigation in the Cook County, Illinois Circuit Court sustaining the decision was that the Garland piece was not a proof. Other pieces in similar condition were in evidence in the arbitration. The genuineness of the so-called proof pieces was challenged but the final written decision avoided that determination.

We feel that the coin advertised cannot be a proof. Whether it is genuine or not is a matter which cannot be determined without seeing the coin. We feel that you should not carry such advertising and should immediately undertake to protect the public and the advertisers from an error.

We suggest that you have the coin sent in to you for examination so you can count the reads on the edge and otherwise check it. Please ask the owners for the source of the coin.

Our files are at your disposal in order to help you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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# Coin World

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING PH: 513 492-4141 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

July 2, 1971

Eric P. Newman  
Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter outlining your concern regarding the authenticity and grade of the 1853 \$20 gold piece in Precious Metals' advertisement.


Coin World ad policy is designed to assure readers items offered in advertisements are properly described. Under our advertising policy, the advertiser guarantees its genuineness and accurate description when he submits the ad. We accept his guarantee unless a formal complaint is filed by a reader who has responded to his ad. However, stopping the ad on the assumption that the grade is incorrect, or the piece is not authentic, would not be in keeping with policy.

Under the circumstances surrounding the known specimen, your suspicions are understandable. I'm sure that Steve Markoff of Precious Metals will want to furnish full information and cooperate fully in determining the authenticity of this piece to the satisfaction of all involved. We will be happy to forward a copy of your letter to his attention if you wish.

If you examine the piece and feel that it is not authentic or is improperly described, please advise and Coin World will take usual action.

Very truly yours,

COIN WORLD

  
Wayne Lawrence  
Advertising Manager

WL:sj  
encl.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 7, 1971

Mr. Wayne Lawrence  
Advertising Manager  
Coin World  
Sidney News Building  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your July 2, 1971 response to our complaint about the advertisement of Precious Metals has been noted. You have our permission, if you wish, to forward a copy of our letter to the advertiser.

As to your policy of not recognizing a complaint until an ad is responded to, you might reconsider that matter in the light of preventative action.

Please let me know if you send a copy of our letter to the advertiser.

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

November 8, 1971

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P.O.Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

In accordance with your telephone inquiry, please refer to the article written by Don Taxay on the Eagle on Globe Pattern in the January, 1966 Whitman Numismatic Journal.

We are always glad to be helpful in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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# Coin World

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING PH: 513 492-4141 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

February 9, 1972

Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

You will be interested to know that a few of us are taking the bit in our mouths and making every effort to meet the Mint's absolute deadline for the ARBC medal. Mrs. Brooks tells me that they must have some kind of design by February 20th or else.

Ralph Menconi and Lisi Stefanelli plan to confer and then go to the Mint for an additional consultation Tuesday. Sometime when you have a minute, I will discuss this further with you.

Do you recall the New Orleans Mint study by Charles J. Collins, Jr.? We had the pleasure of working with him on this over a long period and helped him additionally by buying a copy of his manuscript. We have in the works consideration to publish it in either Coin World or Numismatic Scrapbook.

Enclosed you will find a copy of some pages from the Library of Congress Information Bulletin which may have something for your files if you do not already have it.

All the best,

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell, Editor  
(Mrs. Marion)

MR:gcm

Enc.

February 15, 1972

Dear Margo,

Thanks for the Missouri  
exhibit information.

God speed on the ARBC  
matter.

Sincerely,

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 24, 1972

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

You wrote me a little note asking me if I had photos of the Colonial notes mentioned in your letter of February 15, 1972 to George Lang. We are enclosing photocopies of the items mentioned and will gladly have pictures made if you need them.

The delay has been caused by my having gone to Florida for a couple of days.

Please feel free to ask us for anything needed.

It is great work which you are doing to get this project moving so rapidly. All of us appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

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Jo:

JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

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SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

SUBJECT

1793 Large cent

FOLD

DATE

4/24/72

Dear Eric:

I have two matters to ask you about, and am using separate letters for your convenience. This is No. 1. (Chain Ameri.)

I have at hand a purported 1793 Large cent. Somebody has melted a small piece off it, and the remains weighs 234.6 grains, with a specific gravity of 9.65. Presumably it is lead-zinc. It is 3.35 mm. thickness, and 26.4 mm. diameter. I would guess maybe 250 grains when it was whole.

Normally, I would brand it a fake, a modern counterfeit or imitation and let it go at that. But its owner insists it can be traced back to at least the 1860's in his family, with an implication of much longer. At least he believes that. He knows it came from his grandfather, and believes his grandfather got it from his father. With it was a message that it was one of the first coins struck at the U.S. Mint and should be saved for that reason. Questions:

1-Were counterfeits made like this in the early 1800's?

2-Could it have been a Mint trial piece? I know the Mint has used "white metal" for that purpose (Judd says so) but I'm not sure what that means.

3-Any other explanation?

Forgot to mention it had a very light copper plating, mostly gone now. The owner is 82 years old and said his father got the coin from his grandfather in 1873. The latter was a veteran of the war of 1812. I think I'll just include his letter for you to get the atmosphere, and possible make a guess as to how much truth there is in it. Could be the answer to question No. 1 would take care of the matter.

*Jim Johnson*

*P.S. If you believe it would be useful to sell the coin, it can probably be arranged*

Jim Johnson  
Coin World

4/28/72

Dear Jim

Re 1793 US Cent  
Plated Electro- or cast.

My secretary is ill so excuse my longhand answer to your 4/24/72 letter.

Electros were made long prior to the Civil War. The auction sales catalogues of the 1864-68 period have many of them listed.

The earliest coin reference I know is the Eckfeldt & De Bois published in 1842 where it is stated that electros were used for preparation of illustrations by using them ~~for~~ Mr. Saxton's ruling machine.

Therefore I do not see that an early electro is at all unusual. If it were made in 1793 then it would not have been plated because electroplating was not invented by then.

As to "white metal" this is a vague term. Sometimes it is aluminum, sometimes pot metal. It is any mixture of zinc, lead, tin, antimony etc which casts easily or can be pressed easily.

I hope I have been of service

Emory Bowen Numismatic Educator  
By Eric

P.S. letter from Frank G Crocker

121 - E Elm St, Cherokee, Ga

51012 returned

Jo:

JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

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THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD  
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SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

SUBJECT

Fraser electrotrials

FOLD

Dear Eric:

DATE

4/24/72

No. 2:

Reference: Scott's 1971 Catalogue by Taxay.

Page 192, 4th paragraph (read 1911-12 instead of 1811-12);

Page 262, items 14 through 18;

Plate 95, items 14 through 18.

Reference: Letter from Taxay undated "According to information in the National Archives, Fraser had made electrotypes of his designs by Sept. 19, 1911. These designs were based on sketches he had made of Indians at an earlier date."

I have at hand the items 14-18 mentioned in Scott. The owner said he got them from a New York dealer (now out of business) several years ago. The dealer said they came from the Fraser estate. Taxay said he knew of the items for many years as he had spoken to Laura Fraser before she passed away. (the foregoing quoted from the present owner's letter.) He has at least two of each except No. 15, of which he has one.

Question: Any way of proving these are what they purport to be? Are you interested in doing so? I think the owner would give me permission to send them to you if you consider it advisable.

Regards,

*Jm Johnson*

James Johnson

4/28/72

Dear Jim:

Re: 1912 Electrotrials.

The 5¢ nickel electrotrials are intriguing. I have never seen them. I will gladly study them if the owner wishes or you wish.

Please obtain the name of the dealer in N.Y. who is no longer in business as that is important.

Naturally I realize electros can be reproduced from existing electros but I think we can tell by age & other characteristics whether these are what is claimed.

Sincerely

Jim

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 14, 1972

Mr. J. Oliver Amos  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45363

Dear Mr. Amos:

Advertising policy produces very difficult decisions.

In the April 19, 1972 COIN WORLD there is advertising, on page 41, of the 99 COMPANY with respect to the P.N.C. of the Peoples Republic of China.

On page 40, it is specifically stated by the parties involved in obtaining the P.N.C. that it is illegal to export coins from China and that a secret agent had to be employed for the purpose. Many people would feel that a smuggled product should not be offered for sale and advertised with apparent pride. Have you considered this factor?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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cc  
Mrs. Margo Russell

Mr. Sidney Levinson



JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

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6/19/72

Dear Eric:

The enclosed letter may or may not shed any light on that 1793 mutilated cent, but the man does ask intelligent questions about it, to which I don't know the answers, but you most likely do.

Regards,

Jim Johnson

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

June 22, 1972

Mr. James Johnson  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Jim:

I am returning the 1793 defective electrotype belonging to Frank Crocker. There is no doubt in my mind that it is a copy made many years ago, but it is not possible for it to be of 1793 origin in my opinion. The planchets did not come from England for 1793 cents. There was plenty of copper available and the Mint advertised for it in Philadelphia newspapers. The planchets were made at the Philadelphia Mint.

Mr. Crocker's theories are interesting, but the facts, as I see them, are overwhelmingly against them. I am returning his letter of June 9, 1972.

We are glad to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

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atb

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MAHER, MELOY & HANKENS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
112 NORTH SECOND STREET  
CHEROKEE, IOWA

DON R. HANKENS  
TELEPHONE 225-3411

June 20, 1972

Mr. James G. Johnson  
Coin World  
Sidney New Building  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Our problem concerns a 1793 large one cent U. S. Coin known as the "Chain type Ameri". The gentleman owning the coin is a man of about eighty years of age and received the same from his grandfather.

The coin had a silver type substance on its face and at a coin show, a party representing herself as a metallurgist said that the silver could be removed by a chemical she could get from the Old Country. She later solicited the business by letter and the owner took the coin to her residence. She has previously warned him about applying heat to remove the substance. Apparently, they tried the chemical on another coin and decided that it would work on the penny. She then suggested that they apply heat which the owner was against but was assured that caution would be used. The coin was held over a burner and while being held, the lady reached to adjust the burner and the flame shot out hitting the coin which resulted in an explosion of the metal revealing that the inside of the coin was of a metal other than copper. About one-third of the coin was lost.

We have reason to believe that the shortage of copper at the time the coin was minted was apparent and other metals were used such as pewter. But our problem is to prove that the coin is not a counterfeit as alleged by the metallurgist.

Do you have any knowledge of your own or of any other source regarding the construction at the time this coin

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was minted. Would Fields or the Smithsonian Institute  
be a possible source of information?

Any information you can give us will be greatly  
appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Maher, Meloy & Hankens

By: *Don D. Hankens*

DRH:ar

JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

**Coin  World**

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SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING  
SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

6/23/72

Dear Eric:

Now we know what happened to  
that 1793 cent!

Regards,

*Jim Johnson*

Any answers to the last 2 paragraphs?

*Envelope is in case you can't make any interim comments  
on any of the stuff I sent you.*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

June 27, 1972

Mr. James G. Johnson  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Jim:

There is no purpose in further pursuing the 1793 U. S. Cent electrotype. No genuine coins were ever made of this material. Asking the Smithsonian Institution would serve no purpose. The Field Museum does not involve itself in numismatics, so far as I know.

I suggest that you write the attorneys that the matter is closed as far as you are concerned. I am returning their letter.

Sincerely yours,

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*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

June 23, 1972

Mr. James Johnson  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Jim:

Before we are in a position to study the 1912-1913 items which you sent us, we want to know from the owner, the name of the dealer from whom they were acquired, the price which was paid, and the date of acquisition. I find it very important to receive the information which the owner has. If the owner does not wish to disclose it, then there seems to be no basis for giving an opinion when facts which may be of importance are withheld.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

February 20, 1973

Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On page 46 of the February 21, 1973 COIN WORLD you wrote an article about Cecelia MacNeil, of Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

I would like to write her a letter and wonder if you have her address.

Sincerely,

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*



# Coin World

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING

SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

PH: 513 492-4141

February 22, 1973

Mr. Eric Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

In compliance with Coin World's policy of not giving out addresses of subscribers without permission, we are forwarding your request to Mrs. MacNeil so that she is aware of your interest. She then will most likely get in touch with you, giving you her address so that you can write.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

*Dorothy Cernyar*

Dorothy Cernyar

Secretary to Mrs. Russell

dc

cc: Mrs. C. MacNeil

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 19, 1973

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Margo:

Page 80 of the February 21, 1973 COIN WORLD includes in the advertisement of Western Numismatics the 1853 U. S. Assay \$20 piece as a "specimen" for \$6,000.00. It is glowingly described.

The man who bought it for \$3,000 a few months ago apparently returned it because of its questionability but here it is again.

I feel that it is my duty to call it to your attention. I thought you ought to know about it as well as your advertising department, regardless of your rules.

Your fellow chairman,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC

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JAMES G. JOHNSON  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

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1804 Dollar 12/26/72

Dear Eric:

Can you tell from the enclosed photos if this coin is NOT genuine?

I know you can't tell without the coin itself if it IS genuine, but matters could be shortcut if there is anything tell-tale in the ~~xxxxxx~~ pictures that would be positive indications that ~~xxx~~ it is NOT.

This coin has been in storage for 45 years after it was given the present owner by his father. That's what I'm told now.

*Jim Johnson*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 9, 1973

Mr. James G. Johnson  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Jim:

It is perfectly clear from the pictures you sent me of the 1804 Dollar that the coin is an alteration in the date of an 1800 U. S. Dollar, Bolender Variety 19. The reverse is known as the AMERICAN reverse. The photographs are returned.

It is always a pleasure to try to assist you.

I suggest that the coin be put back in storage for another 45 years - unless he wants to give it to us for our forgery collection.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

MEMO

from

MARGO RUSSELL

April 2, 1973

Eric — I

want you to have this  
for your library. —

Best,  
Margo

April 11, 1973

Dear Margo,

Thank you, very much, for the Archives brochure. It was most exciting to read and renew my respect for those documents.

Cordially,

Mrs. Margo Russell

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*

# Coin World

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING PH: 513 492-4141 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

May 23, 1973

Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Let's get back to pure numismatics for a change! Would you do Coin World the great honor of writing a piece on Colonial currency for its special pull-out section to be distributed at the Boston ANA convention? We would like illustrations, too, of course.

If this subject is not pleasing, and you have something else in mind, we will be privileged, either way.

We got a poor picture of the 1973 Bicentennial medal from official sources. We understand there was to be a picture taking session in the Treasury May 23 featuring Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Biddle.

We did not send our expensive photographer (it would probably have cost \$100.) We figure ARBC has enough money to supply good prints to the press if it wants the publicity. The breach gets wider and wider!

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

June 12, 1973

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

In your letter of May 23, 1973 you asked me for an article for the Boston ANA Convention issue of CW. I have started to write it and will discuss it with you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

June 21, 1973

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

As promised, I am enclosing herewith the article you asked to be written. I hope it is satisfactory. I am not excited about the title and if you can find a better title I have no objection. Four pictures are desirable and you can lift three of them from my paper money book. I am sure one of you can find a picture of a 1773 Virginia coin.

If you can have a galley proof in my hands before August 1st I will gladly go over it, otherwise please let your proof readers go over it twice.

You can word the titles under the pictures.

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

Encl.

March 15, 1974

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World ~~March 20, 1974~~  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

If you have a glossy print of the picture taken in Washington at the ex-Secretary of the Treasurer's office as published in Coin World March 20, 1974, page 3, I would be very grateful.

Your publicity on the selection of the designs was superb.

What do I do to get the \$2 bill? I could also use an extra copy or two of page 3.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

April 5, 1974

Mr. Richard Horowitz  
590 E. 81st Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11236

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

We are forwarding your letter to Mr. Albert H. Norman, newly appointed Officer in Charge at the Bureau of the Mint in San Francisco.

We are certain Mr. Norman will give your complaint his attention and you will be hearing from his office soon.

We are also sending a copy to Roy Cahoon, assistant director of Public Services in Washington, D.C. Bureau of the Mint and to Eric Newman who serves on the coins and medals advisory committee of the ARBC.

Thank you for consulting Coin World and let us know when satisfaction is received.

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

dc

cc: R. Cahoon  
A. H. Norman  
E. Newman

5-21-74

Dear Mrs. Russell

I am a subscriber now to "Coin World," used to purchase it each week at a coin store, but wanted to make sure I receive it weekly, ordered it.

What I am writing to you about concerns the American Rev. Bicentennial Comm. and the ad you ran last Oct. 73. I ordered the Silver medal and sent in a \$10.00 m.o. for it. I've already written to Coin World and you answered it by saying that if I didn't receive the medal in reasonable time, to drop you a line. That letter was dated 2-6-74. I have patience to wait for coins I ordered and know when ordering from a govt. agency there is always something that pops up. Well, I received a letter today from a Elaine Barclay, Acting Head, American Rev. Bicent. Comm.

P.O. Box 1976, SAN FRAN. 94101

asking me for the serial no. of the m.o. which I sent them. I had done that previously about 2 1/2 months ago, and I did that when I sent a letter to Coin World asking them to intervene for me. Well, I've sent back the serial no. # 4-132157 Metropolitan Savings Bank, Flatwood + Ralph Aves - B'klyn. N.Y.

the delay. maybe the govt. ran out of  
silver? anything is possible, I've told  
her that I would write you people ~~the~~ telling  
them that in the future, that if the govt.  
wanted to sell coins or medals, that they  
fulfill their obligation in a reasonable period  
of time.

Excuse me for the handwriting,  
but if I had spoken to this woman, I would  
raise the roof.

Thank you for your time  
and help.

Sincerely,  
Richard Horowitz

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RICHARD HOROWITZ  
590 E 81ST ST  
BROOKLYN NY 11236

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 12, 1974

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

I do not want you to publish a copy of this letter unless I approve of it. However, I did want you to know of existence. It is one of the most shocking letters I have ever received in my life. Let's talk about it.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 5, 1974

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

If you want to write an article on women in production of coins and paper money, I have pictures of:

- 1857 Women working in Mint
- 1862 Women clerks leaving U. S. Treasury Building
- 1861 Women cutting Circulating Notes
- 1869 Women at BEP presses.

I also can find other illustrations.

In Gene Hessler's "Comprehensive History of U. S. Paper Money", p. 21, he quotes Francis Spinner as saying:

"I don't claim that I have done much good in the world; but my success in introducing women in government employment makes me feel that I have not lived in vain."

He further says on August 29, 1862, four women and two men began trimming \$1 and \$2 U. S. Notes. He says in 1863 seventy additional women were employed to do this operation. He gives no source of these statements and I suggest you write him if you need further corroboration. I haven't checked the annual Treasury Reports for the 8 or more years Spinner was in office. See "Message and Documents - Abridgement" where the Treasury Reports are.

You could include Eva Adams, Mary Brooks, Romana Banuelos, Dorothy Kabis, etc.

I'll send the pictures if you decide to write it.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 19, 1974

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

I believe that the advertisement of Pine Tree Rare Coin Auction Sales on page 70 on September 18, 1974 issue is not the type of advertising which is good for numismatics because of its inaccuracies and omissions.

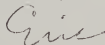
A. With respect to coin number 5, the pedigree does not match the coin in that I did not acquire it from B. G. Johnson. Its stated prior ownership does not check out because it weighs 80 grains instead of 73 as published in the Harlan P. Smith Collection Sale Catalogue. No one asked me about the provenance of my piece or the error would not have been made.

B. Virgil Brand is indicated as being an owner at one time or another of four of the pieces, being numbers 1, 5, 6 and 7. His inventory record book shows that he did not have in his collection any silver center cent.

C. No one asked for permission to use my name as an owner, yet number 3 which is the piece being sold does not even list the present owner and number 4 only identifies its present owner as a Long Island collection and does not give the name which is apparently known.

I realize that there are a substantial number of unknown matters admitted in the advertisement, but I certainly believe that a better effort should have been made to be more accurate, particularly when names are used, condition order is set out and pedigrees are detailed. I wonder how the other two named owners of the pieces will react to this advertising.

Sincerely yours,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah



October 30, 1974

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

I am back. I have not received Coin World beginning October 16, 1974, and thereafter. Would you send them to me. I also need an extra copy of the Rare Coin Company of America ad in the October 16, 1974 issue. I will talk to you at the first opportunity.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 16, 1974

Mrs. Margo Russell  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Your favor to me are reciprocated in a small way with the enclosed article on the 1792 Washington gold piece. It has much original research in it and would ordinarily go to the Numismatist, etc. However, if CW likes it, you get it, subject to my right to publish it elsewhere if I wish. It deserves good position, if used.

I am going to Jamaica on December 20, 1974. My son is coming there on December 26, 1974. If you set this in galley forth with and mail it back to my son, he will bring it to Jamaica and I will proof read it there. I want it accurate as you might guess.

You need a picture of the coin. There is one in Fuld's reprint of Baker on Washington pieces. Ken Bressett is sending me one and I will enclose it if it comes. The article needs a good sized picture.

You asked for my mug and I'll send a new one as I guess the old one is too young.

This was real fun to write.

My son's address is:

Andrew E. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah  
Encl.

# Coin World

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P.O. BOX 150

PH: 513 492-4141

SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

February 6, 1975

Mr. Eric Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

Remember when you sent me tear sheets from The Antique Dealer for October, 1974, with a comment concerning the Mint policy re the Hobby Protection Act?

Well, I succeeded in "shaking loose" the official position. Here is a confidential copy for you.

And listen. If there is some miraculous resurrection of the ARBA coins-medals panel, the chairmanship must continue--Eric P. Newman. Margo has spoken.

Incidentally, you referred to me as "nice". You have never, fortunately, been the target of my Irish temper. I hope you never will.

All the best,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc  
Encl: Ltr. from D. Ritger to  
Sheldon Feldman 9/26/74

Check mailed Separately - hope you got it.

Were you happy with Forbes a la  
Edison Brothers. Came off well, I thought . . . .  
M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

SEP 26 1974

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Dear Mr. Feldman:

By letter dated July 19, 1974, Mr. Justin Bingleider of your office requested the comments of this Department concerning your proposed regulations published in the Federal Register (39 Fed. Reg. 26429, July 19, 1974) relating to the Hobby Protection Act (P.L. 93-167, 15 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.). In view of your time limitation, the following comments only address the question whether the Act should apply to any re-issue or re-strike of any original numismatic item by the United States or any foreign government. However, at a later date we may wish to provide additional comments, if necessary.

The proposed regulations provide that an "original numismatic item" includes coins, tokens, paper money, and commemorative medals. Under the regulations an "imitation numismatic item" is a reproduction, copy or counterfeit of an original numismatic item, and must be plainly and permanently marked "copy". As defined in the proposed regulations, such items do not include a re-issue or re-strike of any original numismatic item by the United States or any foreign government. The obvious reason for excluding Mint restrikes or reissues from the scope of the proposed regulations is that there is nothing in the Hobby Protection Act or its legislative history which would even remotely suggest that the Congress intended to subject the Mint or any other government entity to the marking requirements. On the contrary, the very language of the Act makes it clear that governmental operations are outside its purview. In sections 3 and 4, for example, the Act provides for various remedies in case a "person" violates the provisions of the Act. The general statutory definition of "person" contained in 1 U.S.C. 1 does not include the United States Government or its agencies. In addition, section 6 of the Act provides that the provisions of the statute are in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, any other law of the United States. As the import of this provision was further explained in the Senate report, the Act is not intended to supersede or preempt any other provisions of Federal law. S. Rept. 93-345, 93d Cong., 3, (1973). A requirement that Mint medals be incused with the word "copy" would clearly impose a limitation on the Treasury's general authority to strike national medals granted by Congress in section 2551 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368).

That requirement would similarly run counter to the various enactments in which Congress, after providing for the issuance of a particular medal in recognition of a distinguished individual, has specifically authorized and directed the Secretary of the Treasury "... to cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be struck and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe." See e.g., Joint Resolution of September 26, 1962, P.L. 87-702, 76 Stat. 605 (Rayburn-medal); Joint Resolution of May 21, 1961, P.L. 87-42, 75 Stat. 87 (Dooley-medal); and Joint Resolution of September 16, 1959, P.L. 86-277, 73 Stat. 562 (Goddard-medal). In the absence of clear statutory language which would compel such a conclusion, it cannot be presumed that the Hobby Protection Act intended to curtail the Secretary's broad authority granted him by Congress in numerous other statutes to produce or reproduce national medals.

We also note that during the hearings on the Hobby Protection Act, none of the Members of Congress or public witnesses suggested that the marking requirements be extended to coins or medals issued by our or any foreign government. On the contrary, at least one representative of the numismatic hobby strongly urged Congress to exempt governmental issues from the scope of the proposed legislation. Specifically, Mr. Virgil Hancock, Director of the American Numismatic Association, when appearing before the Commerce and Finance Subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, stated that "[n]othing in this act shall apply to any coins or related items restruck at whatever date in any government or government-authorized mint. . . ." Hearings on H.R. 4678 et al., 93d Cong., 34-35 (February 28, 1973). He went on further to add that even foreign governments should be exempted:

"For example, the Vienna Mint is restriking Maria Theresa's taler. It is dollar size and is [sic] still bears the date 1780. They are still making that. That is a government mint coin. Sometimes a government authorizes a private mint to strike coins so anything with government authority is exempted from this."

It must also be stressed that the Congress is fully aware of and frequently reviews the Mint's numismatic program which, as it is relevant to the present discussion, consists of the production and sale of Treasury "list medals" to the public. As an example, during the hearings on the Bicentennial coinage legislation held last May, the Mint's numismatic program was .

reviewed at considerable detail and, judging from the congressional comments, fully endorsed by the Consumer Affairs Subcommittee of the House Banking Committee. Hearings on H.R. 5244 et al., 93d Cong., 11-24 (May 2 and 3, 1973). More recently, when considering the proposed J. Edgar Hoover medal, the House Banking and Currency Committee commented again on the production and sale of national medals by the Mint. In fact, in the House Banking Committee report accompanying the bill, the entire series of Treasury "list medals", including their cost and size, were reprinted. H. Rept. 93-653, 93d Cong., 4-6 (November 27, 1973). While many of these medals, considering that some of them predate the formation of the Republic, have been reproduced by the Mint since the time they were first issued, we are not aware of any congressional suggestion that these medals are anything but national medals of the United States.

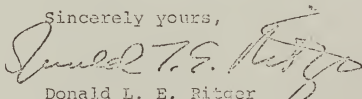
As a further illustration of the congressional awareness of the production and sale of national medals by the Mint, on December 3, 1973, some four days after the Hobby Protection Act was signed into law, Representative Sullivan of Missouri summarized the Mint's medals program on the House floor without any reference to possible marking requirements: "... the Bureau of the Mint now issues for public sale a variety of national medals honoring great events or outstanding individuals in our Nation's history. Thousands of these medals are purchased every year by serious collectors of national medals and also by school children, particularly when they come to Washington to tour the national shrines and visit the numismatic display in the Treasury Department after going through the White House, or in visiting the Philadelphia or Denver Mints or the San Francisco Assay Office. Some of the medals included in the Treasury's series of 'list medals' go back to the earliest days of our country's struggle for independence, and are reissued from time to time from the original dies or designs." 119 Cong. Rec. H10470 (December 3, 1973).

There are other arguments against the inclusion of national medals issued by the Mint within the marking requirements of the Act. One objection is that, if the Mint were required to mark its medals with the word "copy", they would be indistinguishable from Mint medals reproduced by private manufacturers without authorization. Indeed, if our national medals were so marked, collectors could not be assured that the

medals they purchase are official U.S. issues rather than imitation. This, of course, would negate the very objective of the Hobby Protection Act.

Lastly, if the Mint were included within the purview of the Hobby Protection Act, it would necessarily follow that the marking requirements of the Act would apply not only to Mint medals but also to coins. This would call for an absurd result. For example, in the 1970 legislation authorizing the issuance of Eisenhower silver dollars, the Congress gave the Secretary full discretion to date that coin as he deems appropriate (31 U.S.C. 324c). Assuming for a moment that the Secretary were to decide to retain, say, the 1972 coinage date on all Eisenhower dollars hereafter issued, it could be argued that all Eisenhower dollars issued in the future are "imitation numismatic items" within the literal meaning of the Hobby Protection Act and thus required to bear the word "copy". Under our coinage laws, which specify the inscription of U.S. coins as well as prohibit the changing of any coinage design within a twenty-five year period (31 U.S.C. 324 and 276), the word "copy" simply could not be placed on the dollar piece -- or, for that matter, on any other U.S. coin.

Sincerely yours,

  
Donald L. E. Ritger  
Deputy General Counsel

Mr. Sheldon Feldman  
Assistant Director for  
Special Statutes  
Federal Trade Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20580





AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION

736 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20276

(202) 382-1776

FEB 12 1975

JAN 30 1975

Honorable Tennyson Guyer  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Guyer:

Thank you for your recent letter enclosing a copy of Mrs. Marion Russell's letter to you of October 29, 1974, concerning the request of the American Numismatic Association for a project grant. Mrs. Russell has rendered great service to the Bicentennial numismatic programs of this agency as co-chairperson of the former ARBC Coins and Medals Advisory Panel.

We are currently finalizing uniform criteria for matching grants to non-profit organizations. I expect that this process will be completed within a month, at which time the ANA request will receive our full consideration.

In the Spirit of '76,

John W. Warner  
Administrator

Please note:

**NEW ADDRESS:**

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL  
ADMINISTRATION

2401 E Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20276



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

March 3, 1975

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Needless to say, I was amazed to read the Franklin Mint brochure stating that the "ARBA announces the minting of the Bicentennial History of the United States \* \* by the Franklin Mint."

God bless America,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

PH. 513-492-4141

March 6, 1975

Mr. Eric Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

Wonder if we qualified?

The best,  
COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc

Encl: Federal Register P-8984,85,86 3/4/75

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 11840

## Waiver of Certain Provisions of Law and Limitations of Authority

The American Revolution Bicentennial Board has requested that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration be authorized to perform, without regard to certain provisions of law or limitations of authority, the functions authorized under the act to establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (Public Law 93-179; 87 Stat. 697, hereinafter referred to as the act). I have determined that it would be in furtherance of the purposes of the act to provide such authorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 11 of the act, and as President of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration is authorized to perform the functions authorized by the act without regard to the following specified provisions of law and limitations of authority:

(a) section 638(a) of title 31 of the United States Code to the extent that it pertains to hiring passenger motor vehicles.

(b) section 13 of title 41 of the United States Code.

(c) section 501 of title 14 of the United States Code.

(d) Any provision of law or limitation of authority to the extent that such provision or limitation would limit or prohibit:

(1) selection of, and award of contracts to, a State or local government agency or non-profit organization on a sole-source basis;

(2) expenditure of not to exceed \$10,000 annually of funds received pursuant to contracts under section 2(f) of the act for official reception and representation; and

(3) expenditure of appropriated funds for transportation and subsistence of volunteers.

Sec. 2. It is directed that each specific use of the waivers of statutes and limitations of authority authorized by the foregoing provisions of this order shall be made only with the advice of the General Counsel of the Administration, and only when determined in writing by the Administrator (or in his absence by the Deputy Administrator) that such use is specifically in furtherance of the purposes of the act and in the public interest.



THE WHITE HOUSE.

February 18, 1975.

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July 2, 1975

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Many thanks for your nice  
article and for sending me extra  
copies. The July 2, 1975 CW was very  
powerful and interesting.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 9, 1975

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

You asked for a teaser for Coin World's Bicentennial edition of July 4th. Ken already sent you a color print of the new dust wrapper of The Early Paper Money of America which will come out in its Bicentennial Edition this fall.

The new edition will have hundreds of additions and improvements and a completely new pricing. There will be many new illustrations. Most important is the expansion of the scope of the book to cover an additional 10 year period from 1790 to 1800. The new edition will, therefore, span 1686 to 1800.

With an excerpt from the book I am sending you the face and back of the 1 penny note of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectady. This is church money. Also a 4 pence note of William Cooper with its description. Small change notes of this period have never been written as before. This is one of the many new features of the book.

I hope this will give you enough to work on.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 5, 1975

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

The glow of your being given the Zerbe award should last indefinitely. You have earned it many times over. It is a wonderful way of numismatics to say thank you to you for being able to give stimulus, satisfaction and readership to diversified groups, projects and individuals.

I am very proud of your achievements.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 1, 1975

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

The Coin World Almanac was truly a well kept secret. You and your staff have produced an amazing compilation of important historical detail for everyone's enlightenment. Thank you for sending me the inscribed autographed first edition. May it have many editions, each improving on the next.

Just to show you I already read portions of the Almanac and am sincere in the above remark, please note on page 171 Handy & Harman and the first U.S. Mint opened together in 1792.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

May 4, 1976

Mr. Eric Newman  
Mr. Ken Bressett  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric and Ken:

Once again we would like to go all-out to publicize the Newman Bicentennial masterpiece produced a la Western-Whitman.

Last time our offer of free space and presentation of four-color art for Eric's book fell through because we did not receive the color separation negatives from you, Ken.

We renew our offer to present the new book cover art in color in Coin World, to accompany the review of Eric's book, hopefully in our Bicentennial edition dated June 30. Copy deadline is June 11.

If the actual cover negatives are tied up at this point, Ken, you may feel our offer merits your supplying us with a duplicate set of 120-line screen (newspaper) separations. These would, of course, provide the best reproduction.

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc



May 7, 1976

Mrs. Margo Russell

You may want to include in your Bicentennial edition of June 30, 1976 a review of the ANS publication which I have edited. Perhaps you have already written Leslie Elam so that you can get that in time. If I can be of help, let me know.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 7, 1976

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Your very thoughtful letter of May 4, 1976, with respect to the revised edition of my book Early Paper Money of America is most appreciated. It is far beyond the call of duty for you to take the lead in this type of encouragement. I hope that whoever does the review will be able to let me see it in time for its publication. That, of course, may require that you have a copy of the book, I presume.

Let's see what Ken's answer to you is as to the timetable.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

cc: Mr. Kenneth Brassett

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 30, 1976

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Thank you for the nice publicity. It was beyond the call of duty. Would you be able to send me about six additional copies of the pages on my book.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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The Sales and Marketing Executives  
of Metropolitan Washington, D.C.  
*invite you to attend the Annual*  
Distinguished Salesmans Award Banquet

*Honoring*

*The International Salesman of the Year 1976*

Margo Russell, Editor of Coin World Newspaper  
*and*

*The Metropolitan Washington Salesman of the Year*

The Honorable Eva B. Adams

*to be held on Friday, February 25, 1977 at the*

*Hyatt Regency, Washington, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.*

*Reception 6 p.m.*

*Dinner 7 p.m.*

*Dress Optional*

# Coin World

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

P.O. Box 150

PH: 513 492-4141

SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

July 20, 1977

Mr. Eric Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

Coin World's International editors are planning a feature on early Georgia paper money, emphasizing European ties.

Would you give us permission, please, to reproduce a few notes from your famous book--or allow us to borrow photographs, if they have been returned to you? With full credit, of course.

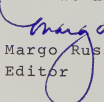
As always, in newspapering, our deadline was like yesterday.

Would you please call me collect [REDACTED], extension 181, with your answer.

And as always, always, thanks.

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

  
Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc

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7/22/77

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December 7, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

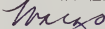
I can't help you with the Laundering Money story source. We worked it up August 10-- and put it in our copy "bank:. Now the material from which we worked has vanished, although we retain it ordinarily for six months.

If it appears miraculously, you shall have it.

Best to you and your splendid family this holiday season.

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD



Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:dc

*Coin World*

From the desk of — MARY BROOKS

The Watergate apartment in Washington has become both home and office. I'm very happy working for Paramount International Coin Company. The Numismatic world is full of wonder to me! Such great people and such a lab to learn, will be a challenge the rest of my life I know!

My family are fine as are my six grandchildren. The wonderful news from the range country in Idaho is that we are getting moisture again.

Thanks for being a friend and peace and blessings to you —  
Mary Brooks

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 21, 1978

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

The 1913 Liberty Head Nickel feature in the 7/26/78 CW aroused my curiosity. I probably should be disturbed by the description of my unique 1913 copper colored metal Indian Head Nickel. In column 1 on page 25 is a quote from Courtney Coffing that the coin was an "electrotype impression and not a trial striking". I wonder who checked my coin which I've had for over 35 years. What is an electrotype impression? Then the 5th column (no pun intended) on p. 25 refers to the coin as a bronze electrotype and I have never heard of a bronze (copper and tin mixture) electrotype. No one who has seen the piece has ever called it an electrotype.

Long ago the coin was tested and its content was rated as 95% copper, 2½% tin and 2½% nickel. Can someone suggest a reliable modern way to test it non-destructively? It might throw some light on the mystery in general. Then my "Coffing" problem can be cured.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 7, 1978

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

You once indicated you might be able to fill in some CW issues I am missing. I have a complete set, well boxed by year, and my missing numbers are:

July 14, 1961  
August 17, 1966  
December 20, 1967  
November 4, 1969  
April 29, 1970.

If these are in your files or come along, I'd like to complete my file. No rush, of course.

Thanks for being so nice.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Nov. 29, 1978

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

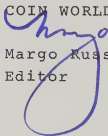
We have been advised by our Circulation department that your subscription to Coin World is soon due to expire.

We have today issued a request for another year's subscription for you as a token of appreciation for your kindnesses to Coin World.

Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

  
Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

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*Thanked by  
Phone message*

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March 14, 1979

Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Coin World is asking a favor.

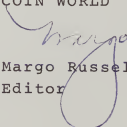
As one of the most prominent devotees, would you describe your favorite piece of paper money in 500 words or less? We want to share your preference in a special edition for the Memphis International Paper Money Show June 15-17.

Our deadline is May 1. We would appreciate any art you have--plus a recent photo of you. We have enclosed a business reply envelope for your convenience.

Of course, you have our sincere thanks, and, in advance, that of our readers who will be inspired by your enthusiasm.

All the best,

COIN WORLD

  
Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)  
Editor

MR:lc  
Encl: SASE

3/27/79

Margo Russell  
Coin World  
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Margo:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a write-up of my favorite piece of paper money. I also enclose a photo-copy of that piece of money. I hope this serves your purpose for the Memphis paper money show.

Thank you for asking me to comment.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a stylized, flowing script.

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Enc.

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

An 1817 \$10 Bank of St. Louis circulating bank note is my favorite piece of paper money. It contains the oldest known view of St. Louis which is the city where I was born and where I live. The note was issued by the first bank of issue West of the Mississippi River. When I acquired the note about 40 years ago, I undertook to compare the view with other illustrations of St. Louis during the territorial period, only to discover that none were earlier. I then studied other early pictures of St. Louis, and as a result, became a collector of early St. Louis scenes and illustrations.

The houses in the picture were identified and a pamphlet published covering their history and their occupants. The view had never before been heard of and no St. Louis museum or numismatist has an example of the note. The view of St. Louis has often been used in publications and publicity about St. Louis, and I am pleased that a numismatic item turned out to be of such great historical importance for St. Louis. When the A.N.A. meets at St. Louis this summer, the visitors can observe the changes in 162 years.

ERIC P. NEWMAN

From the desk of

# Margo Russell

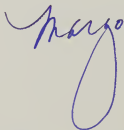
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April 10, 1979

Eric, after I spend a few hours in your company, I come away knowing everything will be alright in numismatics!

Here is some testimony which came to me routinely from the Treasury--dealing with footwear, of all things. It may be of interest to you.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Margo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the bottom.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 23, 1979

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

I suspect that the basis of your phone call yesterday was that Barry Faintich of St. Louis discovered a \$20 Alaskan National Bank Note which was unknown.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing a positive of the \$10 United States Demand Note from St. Louis. I am having sent by separate cover a positive of the \$5 United States Demand Note from St. Louis. These are from my collection and you can use these in any manner you feel is convenient. You can also use the \$10 Bank of St. Louis Note which I previously forwarded to you for the Paper Money edition.

If you can return the two Demand Note positives to me, that would be helpful as they are the only positives I have.

It is always a pleasure to help you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 13, 1979

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Thank you for your packet with respect to the duel with the Secret Service.

Your letter of March 28, 1979 unfortunately can be countered with the same ridiculous thoughts expressed in the original opinion, namely, that if the mold is much larger in size than the coin impression which is a part of it, then it is not a violation of law.

The item which bothers me most in the opinion is that the excuse is given that if a reproduction cannot be physically separated it is not in violation of law. A cookie cutter can cause it to be physically separated and then displayed or passed with one side showing. Imagine the Secret Service authorizing reproductions of one face of a U. S. current quarter. I'll bet I could pass it 80% of the time I offered it. Like you, I believe a clear law is being misinterpreted.

The Hobby Protection Act is so poorly drawn that it is a disaster, but that is a separate matter.

Perhaps you should start a new newspaper with the name "Artificial Coin World" as there seems to be enough interest in forgeries and non-circulating legal tender pieces to support a large circulation. You could exclude advertisements of pieces which are genuine.

Thank you for keeping me informed.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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From the desk of

# Margo Russell

June 20, 1979

Eric, here is another response you  
will find irritating.

I am about to set to work on the  
St. Louis-ANA Convention issue of  
Coin World. Do you have any  
numismatic alms to give me--  
something you may have written  
or spoken we could borrow?  
Any suggestions?

Best,



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*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105*

June 25, 1979

Mrs. Margo Russell  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Margo:

Thank you for all the information concerning the Treasury Department's interpretation of the laws. It points again to the complete inadequacy of the Hobby Protection Act.

The excuses remind me of the advertisement during prohibition of Welch's grape juice, "Do not add sugar or water or it will ferment."

Best of everything.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 18, 1979

Contact: George G. Ross  
202/566-2356

**TREASURY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING ON  
BUSINESS HOLDINGS OF PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS**

The Treasury Department today announced that a public hearing will be held on September 6, 1979 concerning proposed regulations governing excess business holdings of private foundations, which were published in a notice of proposed rulemaking on May 22, 1979.

Treasury also announced that, to the extent that any rules as finally adopted are more stringent than the rules proposed in 1973, the effective date will be no earlier than December 31, 1979. As published on May 22, 1979, the proposed regulations would have been applicable to transactions taking place on June 22, 1979 and thereafter.

The Tax Reform Act of 1979 placed limitations on foundation ownership and control of active businesses, but provided certain exceptions for then-existing holdings. The regulations proposed in 1973 would extend grandfather protection to certain changes in business holdings acquired by foundations through merger or other reorganizations involving stock held on May 26, 1969. Grandfather protection proposed in the 1979 notice would be less extensive than that proposed in 1973.

Concern has been expressed about the effect of the new proposed rules on what is described as normal expansion of business corporations in which a private foundation has a grandfathered holding. The public hearing in September 1979 will determine whether the final regulations should embody the rules of the January 3, 1973 notice of proposed rulemaking resulting from the Tax Reform Act of 1969, the proposed rules of the May 1979 notice, or an intermediate position.

Comments are requested as to both notices, and respondents are urged to set forth any alternative rules they would recommend. Comments, as well as requests to speak at the September 6, 1979 hearing, should be sent by August 22, 1979 to: Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attention: CC:LR:T (EE-162-78), Washington, D.C. 20224.

To the extent that any rules finally adopted are more stringent than those in the 1973 notice, the rules will not apply to transactions taking place prior to ninety (90) days after the publication of the Treasury decision setting forth the final regulations, or December 31, 1979, whichever is later. Consideration also will be given to additional rules needed to protect transactions in progress at the time of the Treasury decision.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 31, 1979

Ms. Marilyn Tiernan  
Collector's Clearinghouse  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Ms. Tiernan:

Your September 5, 1979 article (CW p. 52) on fakes is of interest because you say about the \$20 Blake & Co. pieces "only two genuine specimens in gold are recognized". Who recognized or recognizes them? I presume you are aware they are not listed in the Red Book.

Have you any information as to where they are listed? Who has given any opinion about them?

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Jo:

Eric P. Newman  
Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

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SUBJECT

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DATE

Sept. 4, 1979

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks for bringing to my attention - the \$20 Blake & Co. pieces. They are listed in the 1976 Scott Catalogue & Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins as originals. PG 122 - 1855 Double Eagle (1) Ford; (2) Smithsonian (Lilly) coll.

We are aware that the Red Book did list them in 1965, but since that time, they have been omitted.

We probably should not have emphasized that two originals were catalogued. We will indeed omit such reference in the future. Could you instruct me or sight me to a reference as to why they were omitted from the Red Book?

Most Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

*Marilyn Tiernan*  
Marilyn Tiernan

Collectors/Clearinghouse

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

September 11, 1979

Ms. Marilyn Tiernan  
Collectors' Clearinghouse  
Coin World  
P. O. Box 150  
Sidney, Ohio 45367

Dear Ms. Tiernan:

Your nice response to my comment on the Blake \$20 matter is appreciated.

As you may know, the \$20 Blake & Co. and some other "pioneer gold" items delisted from the Redbook were never catalogued, described or known to exist before about the middle of the twentieth century. The first listing in Scott was in 1971. The "sale" of the Lilly Collection to Smithsonian a few years before that brought the matter to the attention of numismatists in general.

We merely wanted you to know that you have readers who know the above facts and who may have various opinions.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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